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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON UNGA STRATEGY

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMANS USE AT JUNE 27 NOON BRIEFING. DETAILS OF SC
LETTER AND DRAFT RESOLUTION MADE PUBLIC LATE MORNING OF
JUNE 27 IN NEW YORK. QUOTE:

Q: WHAT EXACTLY TOOK PLACE IN NEW YORK THIS MORNING
REGARDING THE UN COMMAND IN KOREA?

A: OUR MISSION DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL A LETTER ADVISING THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOL-
UTION 3333 OF LAST YEAR, THE USG, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE
ROKG, IS PREPARED TO TERMINATE THE UN COMMAND JANUARY 1,
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1976, SUBJECT ONLY TO ASSURANCES FROM THE OTHER SIDE

THAT THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WILL BE MAINTAINED.

Q: WHY ARE WE DOING THIS? HAVEN'T WE INSISTED THE UN
COMMAND IS NECESSARY?

A: LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION WHICH WE CO-SPONSORED CALLED
FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND
IN CONJUNCTION WITH APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN

THE ARMISTICE. TODAY'S LETTER GOES THE NEXT LOGICAL
STEP AND SPELLS OUT A PROPOSAL FOR TERMINATION INCLUDING
A DATE OF TERMINATION.

OUR POSITION REMAINS THAT AS THE ONLY SIGNATORY OF THE
ARMISTICE AGREEMENT ON THE ONE SIDE THE UN COMMAND
SHOULD NOT BE TERMINATED WITHOUT ALTERNATIVE ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE.

Q: WHY ARE WE DOING IT AT THIS TIME?

A: IT IS BEING DONE NOW IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ANNUAL
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON KOREA FOLLOWING CONSUL-
TATIONS WITH ROKG ON HOW TO IMPLEMENT THE UNGA RESOLU-
TION.

Q: HOW WILL THIS AFFECT OUR FORCES IN KOREA?

A: OUR FORCES ARE IN KOREA IN SUPPORT OF THE 1953
MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY. THEIR STATUS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

FYI: USUN DELIVERED THE LETTER DECLARING OUR INTENTIONS
LATE THIS MORNING. THIS AFTERNOON USUN WILL MEET WITH A
GROUP OF SOME 20 POTENTIAL CO-SPONSORS TO INFORM THEM
OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION WE WILL BE ASKING TO HAVE INSCRIBED
ON THE UNGA AGENDA WHICH WILL NOTE OUR INTENT AS EX-
PRESSED IN THE LETTER AND CALL ON ALL CONCERNED
PARTIES TO COOPERATE IN ARRANGING FOR THE ORDERLY DIS-
SOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND.

YOU SHOULD SEEK TO PRESENT THIS AS THE NEXT LOGICAL
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PROGRESSION CONSISTENT WITH OUR POSITION OF LAST YEAR
AND DISCOURAGE PRESENTATION OF IT AS A DRAMATIC DE-
PARTURE FROM PAST POSITIONS. UNQUOTE.

2. QUESTION WAS RAISED AT NOON BRIEFING AND TRANSCRIPT
FOLLOWS SEPTTEL. INGERSOLL

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